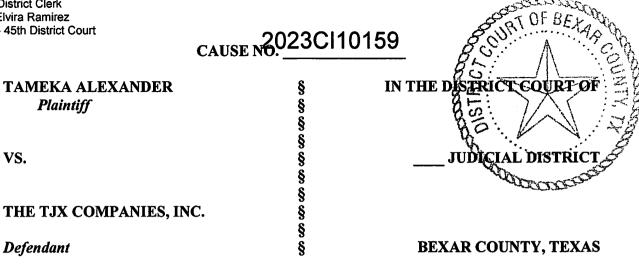
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As stated in Defendant Marmaxx Operating Corp.'s Notice of Removal, Defendant attaches certified copies of the following documents:

- 1. Plaintiff's Original Petition, filed May 22, 2023;
- 2. Request for Process, filed May 22, 2023;
- 3. Citation to The TJX Companies, Inc., issued May 23, 2023 and Affidavit of Service upon The TJX Companies, Inc., by serving Registered Agent, CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan St., Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201-3109, filed June 15, 2023;
- 4. Affidavit of Process Service upon The TJX Companies, Inc., by serving The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, filed June 24, 2023;
- 5. Verified Denial of Defendant The TJX Companies, Inc. and Original Answer of Defendant Marmaxx Operating Corp, filed August 14, 2023.

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PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES TAMEKA ALEXANDER (collectively "Plaintiff") complaining of and about THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. hereinafter Defendant, and for cause of action shows unto the Court the following:

I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

1. Discovery shall be conducted under Level 3 of Rule 190 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

II. PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff Tameka Alexander ("Alexander") is an individual and citizen of the State of Texas. Plaintiff resides in Bexar County, Texas.
- 3. Defendant THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. ("TJX") is a foreign corporation incorporated in the State of Delaware and conducts business in the State of Texas, and it may be served with process by serving its Registered Agent, CT CORPORATION SYSTEM at 1601 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, 75201.

III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. The Court has jurisdiction over this controversy because the damages exceed the minimum

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jurisdictional limits of the Court. Venue is proper in Bexar County because the arises out of acts and omissions committed in Bexar County, Texas Defendant has open and continuous contacts with Texas because it operates approximately 39 stop

- 5. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant as it has minimum contacts with the State Texas, is registered to conduct business in the State of Texas, and regularly business in the State of Texas.
- 6. Plaintiff seeks monetary relief of \$250,000 but not more than \$1,000,000, excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney's fees and costs, and non-monetary relief. A jury however determine the monetary value of Plaintiff's damages.
- 7. Plaintiff state that she completely and fully relies on the discretion of a jury to determine that amount to be awarded in this case.
- 8. In the event any parties are misnamed or are not included herein, it is Plaintiff's contention that such was a "misidentification," "misnomer" and/or such parties are/were "alter egos" of parties named herein. Alternatively, Plaintiff contends that such "corporate veils" should be pierced to hold such parties properly included in the interest of justice.
- 9. To the extent that any Defendant is conducting business pursuant to a trade name or assumed name, then suit is brought against Defendant pursuant to the terms of Rule 28 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and Plaintiff demands that, upon answer to this petition, that Defendant answer in its correct legal and assumed name.

IV. **FACTS**

10. Plaintiff brings this suit to recover damages for personal injuries sustained at the Marshalls store (the "Store") at 12635 I-10 West, San Antonio, Texas 78249, in Bexar County, Texas on or about September 30, 2022. On that date, Plaintiff entered the Store to purchase some

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clothing for herself. Plaintiff walked up and down looking at the clothes for sale Plaintiff turned the corner around the end cap of the aisle where Plaintiff violently slipped and fell to the floor because an employee left a table in the walkway.

- 11. No caution sign, cones, or any other indicators were present as the employees stocking the shelves.
- 12. Additionally, no verbal warnings were provided to Plaintiff. Plaintiff slipped and fell on the table which was left on the floor by The TJX Companies, Inc's employees who were moving different items around the store and restocking the shelves.
- 13. Due to the violent slip and fall, Plaintiff suffered significant and sever injuries for which Plaintiff sought and continues to seek reasonable and necessary medical treatment.
- 14. At the time of the incident, the Store was owned and maintained by Defendant.
- 15. On the date in question, Plaintiff was an invitee on Defendant's premises. At all times, relevant. Defendant maintained, controlled, or was a possessor of the premises. A condition on the premises posed an unreasonable risk of harm. Defendant had the ability and authority to ensure its premises were not unreasonably dangerous for invitees. Defendant had a duty to use ordinary care to ensure that the premises, including the walking and working surfaces therein, did not present a danger to Plaintiff. This duty includes the duty to inspect and the duty to warn or cure.
- 16. Defendant knew or should have known of the unreasonably dangerous condition and neither corrected nor warned Plaintiff of it. Plaintiff did not have any knowledge of the dangerous condition and could not have reasonably been expected to discover it. Defendant either created the condition and/or failed to correct the condition or to warn Plaintiff about the dangerous condition, which constitutes negligence, and such negligence was a

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proximate cause of the occurrence in question and Plaintiff's resulting injuries.

- 17. Plaintiff would show that, based on the above-described facts, Defendant were negligent.

 Defendant, as occupiers and/or owners of the premises, with control over the premises had a duty to inform Plaintiff of the dangerous condition and make safe the defective condition existing on Defendant' premises.
- 18. Defendant are liable to Plaintiff under the theory of premises liability and negligence based on the following negligent conduct:
 - a. Failure to maintain the premises, including floors and walkways, in a reasonably safe condition;
 - b. Failure to inspect the premises where the dangerous condition existed;
 - c. Failure to correct the condition by taking reasonable measure to safeguard persons who entered the premises;
 - d. Failing to properly train and/or supervise those on site;
 - e. Failing to hire competent employees/contractors to repair the roof;
 - f. Failure to inform Plaintiff of the dangerous condition existing on the premises; and
 - g. Other acts deemed negligent.
- 19. Each of the foregoing negligent acts and/or omissions, whether taken singularly or in any combination, was a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages that are described below.
- 20. Defendant were also negligent in that they failed to act as reasonably prudent premise owners would act in the same or similar situation.
- 21. At all times mentioned herein, Defendant owned, operated and/or maintained the Store.

 Defendant was responsible for ensuring that the Premises was safe for all invitees,

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including Plaintiff.

22. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's failure to adequately warn Plaintiff of the debris in the walkway and failing to make the condition reasonably safe. Plaintiff suffered severe injuries causing him severe pain and impairment, for which he had to undergo extensive medical treatment. Nothing that Plaintiff did or failed to do on the occasion in question caused or in any way contributed to Plaintiff's injuries.

CAUSE OF ACTION: NEGLIGENCE

- 23. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 24. Plaintiff brings a claim of Negligence. "The elements of a cause for negligence are as follows: (1) The defendant owed a legal duty to the plaintiff. (2) The defendant breached the duty. (3) The breach proximately caused the plaintiff's injury." See Nabor Drilling, U.S.A. Inc. v. Escoto, 288 S.W.3d 401, 404 (Tex. 2009).
- 25. Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for negligence. At all times relevant to the occurrence in question, Defendant owed Plaintiff a duty of ordinary care to ensure its premises was free of dangerous conditions as an invitee.
- 26. Defendant breached its duty and was negligent in one or more respects, but not limited to:

 (1) failing to provide a safe, hospital, and hazard-free premises for Plaintiff; (2) failing to properly inspect the floors of its establishment on a regular basis; (3) Failing to instruct and train its agents, servants, and employees to maintain a hazard free environment; (4) failing to warn individuals on the premises of the Store that the floor contains debirs; (5) failing to take reasonable precautionary measures to ensure the safety of the public when on the premises; (6) failing to properly identify the dangerous condition of the floor; (7) failing to

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make conditions of its premises reasonably safe; and (6) acts or finissions revealed in discovery and/or proven at time of trial.

27. Each of these acts or omissions, singularly or collectively, constituted negligence, which proximately caused the occurrence made the basis of this suit and the resulting injuries and damages to Plaintiff.

CAUSE OF ACTION: PREMISES LIABILITY

- 28. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 29. Plaintiff brings a claim of Premises Liability. To prevail on a premises liability claim against a possessor of the premises, an injured invitee must prove the following: "(1) actual or constructive knowledge of a condition on the premises by the owner or occupier; (2) the condition posed an unreasonable risk of harm; (3) the owner or occupier did not exercise reasonable care to reduce or eliminate the risk; and (4) that the owner or occupier's failure to use such care proximately caused the plaintiff's injuries." See CMH Homes, Inc. v. Daenen, 15 S.W.3d 97, 101 (Tex. 2000).
- 30. At all material times, Defendant owned, operated, and controlled the area where Plaintiff was injured and otherwise was the possessor of the premises. The condition of the area where Plaintiff was injured (the debris on the floor) posed an unreasonable risk of harm, and Defendant knew or reasonably should have known of the danger. Plaintiff did not have actual knowledge of the unreasonably dangerous condition.
- 31. Plaintiff entered the premises of the Store. Defendant owed Plaintiff a duty to use reasonable care to reduce or eliminate the risk posed by the debris on the floor. Defendant breached its duty by failing to make the unreasonably dangerous condition reasonable safe.

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Defendant's failure to use such care proximately caused Plaintiff's in

PRE-JUDGMENT AND POST-JUDGMENT INTEREST V.

32. Plaintiff is entitled to recover all pre-judgment and post-judgment law and here seeks such pre-judgment and post-judgment interest.

VI. **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

33. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury. Plaintiffs acknowledge payment this date of the required jury fee.

VII. PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE

- 34. Defendant is hereby given further notice that any document or other material, including electronically stored information, that may be evidence or relevant to any issue, claim or defense in this case is to be preserved in its present form until this litigation is concluded.
- 35. Failure to maintain such items will constitute "spoliation" of evidence, for which Plaintiff will seek appropriate sanctions and remedies.

VIII. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

36. All conditions precedent and necessary to maintain this action have been performed or have occurred.

IX. **DAMAGES**

- 37. Plaintiff seeks actual damages, exemplary damages, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, costs of suit and all other relief, in law and equity, to which Plaintiff may be entitled. As a proximate result of the Defendant's negligent acts/or omissions, Plaintiff has been injured in at least, but not limited to, the following particulars and has suffered the following legal damages:
 - a. Reasonable medical care and expenses in the past. These expenses were incurred

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by Plaintiff for the necessary care and treatment of injuries resulting from the accident complained of herein, and such charges were reasonable and were usual and customary charges for such services;

- b. Reasonable and necessary medical care and expenses which will, in all reasonable probability, be incurred in the future;
- c. Physical pain and suffering in the past;
- d. Physical pain and suffering in the future;
- e. Physical impairment in the past;
- f. Physical impairment which, in all reasonable probability, will be suffered in the future;
- g. Lost earnings in the past;
- h. Loss of earning capacity which will, in all reasonable probability, be incurred in the future;
- i. Disfigurement in the past;
- j. Disfigurement in the future;

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X. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

38. WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff requests that Defendant be cited to appear and answer, and on final trial hereafter, that Plaintiffs have judgment against Defendant, together will all pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as allowed by law, costs of Court, and for such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled by law and equity.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE MAJOR LAW FIRM PLLC

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August 16, 2023

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The TJX Companies, Inc.

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"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerks who issued this citation by 10:00am on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this CITATION and PETITION a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org" Said Original Petition was filed on this the 22nd day of May, 2023.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this the 23rd day of May, 2023.

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On this day personally appeared Mauricio Segovia who, being by me duly sworn, deposed and said:

"The following came to hand on Jun 14, 2023, 12:15 pm,

CITATION, PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION,

and was executed at 1999 BRYAN ST SUITE 900, DALLAS, TX 75201-3109 within the county of DALLAS at 12:55 PM on Wed, Jun 14 2023, by delivering a true copy to the within named

THE TJX COMPANIES, INC., BY SERVING REGISTERED AGENT, CT CORPORATION SYSTEM accepted by Intake Specialist: Terri Thongsavat

in person, having first endorsed the date of delivery on same.

I am a person over eighteen (18) years of age and I am competent to make this affidavit. I am a resident of the State of Texas. I am familiar with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure as they apply to service of Process. I am not a party to this suit nor related or affiliated with any herein, and have no interest in the outcome of the suit. I have never been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and they are true and correct."

Mauricio Segovia

Certification Number: DSC-1689
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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Mauricio Segovia, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document and, being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein contained are within his or her personal knowledge and are true and correct.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO ME ON

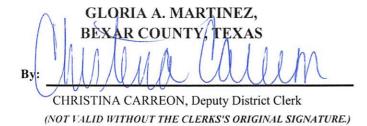
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IN THE 45TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BEXAR COUNTY, THE THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. TAMEKA ALEXANDER PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT KEVIN S. DUNN being first duly sworn, depose and say: that I am over the age of 18 years not a party to this action, and that within the boundaries of the state where service was effected, I was authorized by law to perform said service. RECEIVED 07/21/2023 Service: I served THE TJX COMPANIES, INC with (list documents) CITATION; PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION; by leaving with ROBIN HUTT-BANKS (MANAGING AGENT) □ Residence ADDRESS CITY / STATE C/O THE CORPORATION TRUST COMPANY, 1209 ORANGE STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801 2:45 PM 07/21/2023 On Thereafter copies of the documents were mailed by prepaid, first class mail on from STATE 7IP Manner of Service: CORPORATE ☐ Personal: By personally delivering copies to the person being served. □ Substituted at Residence: By leaving copies at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of the person being served with a member of the household over the age of _____ and explaining the general nature of the papers. ☐ Substituted at Business: By leaving, during office hours, copies at the office of the person/entity being served with the person apparently in charge thereof. ☐ Posting: By posting copies in a conspicuous manner to the front door of the person/entity being served. Non-Service: After due search, careful inquiry and diligent attempts at the address (es) listed above, I have been unable to effect process upon the person/entity being served because of the following reason(s): ☐ Unknown at Address ☐ Moved, Left no Forwarding ☐ Service Cancelled by Litigant ☐ Unable to Serve in Timely Fashion ☐ Address Does Not Exist ☐ Other_ Service Attempts: Service was attempted on: (1) TIME (3)TIME DATE AGE · Weight 150 Sexfemale Race BLACK Height 5'5 KEVIN S. DUNN BRANDYWINE PROCESS SERVERS, LTD.. PO BOX 1360, WILMINGTON, DE 19899 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 21ST day of JULY **DENORRIS ANGELO BRITT NOTARY PUBLIC** Case Number: 2023CI 0159 Document Type: AF STATE OF DELAWARE My Commission Expires on May 1, 2024 Page 1 of 3

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TAMEKA ALEXANDER

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

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VS.

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.

S
45TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

VERIFIED DENIAL OF DEFENDANT THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.

AND ORIGINAL ANSWER OF DEFENDANT MARMAXX OPERATING CORP.

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW The TJX Companies, Inc. and Marmaxx Operating Corp., (hereinafter referred to as "Marmaxx" and/or "Defendant"), in the above-entitled and numbered cause, and files this Verified Denial and Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition and all subsequent supplemental and/or amended petitions and would respectfully show unto the Court and Jury as follows:

I. VERIFIED DENIAL

- 1.1 Pursuant to Rule 93, THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. denies it is liable to Plaintiff in the capacity in which it has been sued. Tex. R. Civ. P. 93.
- 1.2 The TJX Companies, Inc. denies that it owns, operates or maintains the premises located at 12635 I-10 West, San Antonio, Texas 78249 in Bexar County as asserted in Plaintiff's Original Petition.
- 1.3 Based on the foregoing, The TJX Companies, Inc. asserts that there is a defect of parties.

II. GENERAL DENIAL

2.1 Subject to such stipulations and/or admissions as may hereafter be made, Defendant Marmaxx Operating Corp. asserts a general denial as is authorized by Rule 92 of the Texas Rules

charges and allegations against Defendant as is required by the Constitution and laws of the S TRIC,

of Texas.

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Defendant further reserves the right to amend this answer 2.2 accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

III. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

By way of further defense, if such be necessary, Defendant asserts the following:

- 3.1 Defendant invokes the comparative and proportionate responsibility provisions of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, § 33.001, et. seq.
- 3.2 Defendant would show that, at the time and on the occasion in question, Plaintiff and/or others beyond this Defendant's control failed to use that degree of care and caution that would have been used by a person with ordinary prudence under the same or similar circumstances, and that such failure was alternatively a proximate cause or a producing cause or the sole proximate or the sole producing cause of the incident in question and any alleged injuries and damages stemming therefrom.
- 3.3 Defendant would show, in the unlikely event that any liability be found on the part of Defendant, such liability should be reduced by the percentage of the causation found to have resulted from the acts or omissions of any persons or third parties over whom Defendant has no control and for whom Defendant is not responsible, including, but not limited to, Plaintiff.
- 3.4 Defendant would show that Plaintiff's alleged injuries and damages were the result, in whole or in part, of a new and independent cause and/or intervening and superseding cause, which was not reasonably foreseeable by Defendant.
- 3.5 Plaintiff's recovery of medical expenses, if any, is limited and subject to the restrictions set forth by Section 41.0105 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

- 3.6 Plaintiff is not entitled to a recovery of damages for any medical condition and/or injury that resulted from a pre-existing and/or subsequent condition, or any other condition not proximately caused by the occurrence in question.
- 3.7 Plaintiff also is not entitled to a recovery of damages, if any that she failed to mitigate.
- 3.8 Defendant would respectfully pray for all available credits and/or offsets as provided by the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and under Texas law, including a reduction for amounts received from collateral sources or for any settlement Plaintiff may have entered with any other party.
- 3.9 Defendant would show that, pursuant to Section 18.091 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to the extent Plaintiff is seeking recovery for loss of earnings, lost wages, loss of earning capacity, and/or loss of contributions of a pecuniary value, Plaintiff must present evidence of the alleged loss in the form of a net loss after reduction for income tax payments or unpaid tax liability pursuant to any federal income tax law.
- 3.10 Defendant invokes all rights and limitations found in Chapter 41 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, including the limitations on damage awards.
- 3.11 In the unlikely event that an adverse judgment would be rendered against it, Defendant would respectfully pray for all available credits and/or offsets as provided by the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and under Texas law, including a reduction for amounts received from collateral sources or for any settlement Plaintiff may have entered with any other party.

JURY DEMAND

4.1 Defendant respectfully demands a jury for the trial of tenders the jury fee.

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V. <u>DIRECTED COMMUNICATION</u>

5.1 Forward all communications regarding this matter to Marshall G. Rosenberg at mrosenberg@hartlinebarger.com; Jane Haas at jhaas@hartlinebarger.com; and Catrina Edling at cedling@hartlinebarger.com. Failure to include all requested individuals referenced above in all communications, notices, and filings, shall be deemed inadequate service.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Marmaxx Operating Corp., prays that Plaintiff take nothing by reason of this suit, that Defendant be discharged, and that it go hence with its costs, and for all such other and further relief, both general and special, at law and in equity, to which Defendant may show itself to be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

HARTLINE BARGER LLP

/s/ Jane Haas

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 14th day of August 2023, the foregoing document was served via the electronic filing service to all counsel of record in accordance with the Texas Rules of Ewil Procedure.

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